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Patrick Louis-Rene Riffault

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MAINTAINING LOAD BALANCE ON A  
GRAPHICS BUS WHEN AN UPGRADE  
DEVICE IS INSTALLED

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be  
amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Following are the claims as amended herein and as are currently pending for  
consideration:

1. (Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a bus interface unit including a plurality of bus signal buffers to couple the  
graphics device to a graphics bus; and

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